However, till 31.3.2005, this Ministry was operating the scheme for development of sports infrastructure including play-fields, swimming pools, stadia etc. Under this scheme, assistance was provided for viable proposals received from the States. This Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure scheme has been transferred to State sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005.

(b) The details of projects sanctioned to the State of Gujarat including NGOs and educational institutions for development of infrastructure as mentioned in (a) above, under the following infrastructure schemes, during the last three years from 2002-03 to 2004-05, are given below:

SI. No.	Name of the Scheme	Projects sanctioned		
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1.	Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure	…	… ...	2
2.	Grants to Rural Schools for purchase of sports equipment and development of playfield	3	4	2
3.	Grant for promotion of Sports in Universities and Colleges	3	10	14

(c) No, Sir. Viable proposals were considered as per approved pattern of the schemes.

(d) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

Construction of regional centre for SAI

†2655. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the reasons for slow progress in the construction work of Central Regional Centre of Sports Authority of India and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): Delay in finalizing tender of hostel and multipurpose Hall, stay granted by Hon'ble High Court in laying of synthetic track, delay in resolution of dispute pertaining to access in construction of boundary wall are the important reasons for not completing the sanctioned

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works at the Central Zone Centre of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) at Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh). These works are in progress and are expected to be completed during the next financial year.

Grants for sports complex

†2656. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide any grant for the sports complex being constructed by AUDA in Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, the grant proposed to be provided; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government decided to transfer the Sports Infrastructure Schemes to the State-sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005 and accordingly, no funds have been allocated in the budget for 2005-06 for sports infrastructure. All State Governments have been informed, accordingly, in February, 2005.

Refusal of Visa to participants of Asian Junior Boxing Championship

†2657. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has refused to issue Visa to the members of proposed Indian team participating in Asian Junior Boxirtg Championship to be held in Karachi in Pakistan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) As per information received from the

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